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## AMENDMENT &amp; RESPONSE

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First Named Inventor	Shannon
Examiner	Epps, J.
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Title	Method for Linear mRNA Amplification

Sir:

In response to Final Rejection dated May 8, 2002, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments:

## AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

--49. (New) The kit according to Claim 32, wherein said kit further comprises an agent that inactivates a reverse transcriptase.

50. (New) The kit according to Claim 49, wherein said agent irreversibly inactivates a reverse transcriptase.

51. (New) The kit according to Claim 49, wherein said agent reversibly inactivates a reverse transcriptase. --

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections and allow Claims 32-51, the only claims pending and currently under examination in this application.

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